

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. GCU-02-2
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, USE, AND NECESSITY

Permit No. GCU-02-2 Docket No. GCU-02-2

Date Issued January 2, 2003 Location Cerro Gordo County, Iowa

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of July, 2002, the Iowa Utilities Board accepted the application of Interstate Power and Light Company for a certificate of public convenience, use, and necessity authorizing the construction of a combined-cycle, natural gas fueled, combustion turbine electric generating facility with a nameplate capacity of 632.4 MW, in Cerro Gordo County near Mason City, Iowa, as provided for and under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 476A; and

WHEREAS, upon notice and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 476A, the Iowa Utilities Board found that the application for construction of the facility should be granted by order dated September 13, 2002, subject to issuance of final pre-construction permits; and

WHEREAS, Interstate Power and Light Company notified the Iowa Utilities Board on December 31, 2002, that all final pre-construction permits had been obtained; and

WHEREAS, the time for appeal of the Iowa Utilities Board's September 13, 2002, order to the Iowa district court has expired:

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the orders of the Iowa Utilities Board and the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 476A, this Certificate is issued and permission and authority are hereby granted to Interstate Power and Light Company to build, construct, maintain, and operate and to operate and maintain other apparatus and appurtenances necessary for generating electricity at its facility located in Cerro Gordo County near Mason City, Iowa.

Applications to significantly alter the facility shall be made in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 476A and 199 IAC 24.

This Certificate is granted and issued from and after the date of issuance subject to significant alterations as provided by law, and this Certificate shall be subject to and governed by all the provisions, conditions and requirements of Iowa Code chapter 476A (2001 Supp.), and by all the provisions, rules, and regulations of the Iowa Utilities Board as now exist or may hereafter be ordered or required by the Iowa Utilities Board, as may be applicable. This certificate shall be in perpetuity, except that the certificate must be surrendered in the event Interstate Power and Light Company does not proceed with construction and must withdraw its application for certificate pursuant to Iowa Code 476.53(3)"f," and is conditioned upon Interstate Power and Light Company receiving all appropriate transmission interconnection, transmission service, and other transmission related authorizations currently and prospectively required prior to operating the facility on the transmission system, and performing any transmission system upgrades required by the Midwest Independent System Operator.

Notice of this proceeding was provided to other state agencies, county, and city authorities. Other applicable pre-construction permits have been issued, except

final determinations have not been received from the Federal Aviation Administration. As a condition to receiving this certificate, Interstate Power and Light Company must comply with applicable determinations or requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration. In accordance with Iowa Code § 476A.8 (2001), no regulatory agency, city, or county shall require any further approval, permit, or license for construction of the facility authorized in this Certificate other than requirements relating to the protection of employees engaged in the construction. In accordance with Iowa Code § 476A.11 (2001), no regulatory agency shall hold any other proceeding or oral presentation, or require any other license or permit for the construction of the facility as authorized by this Certificate.

During the period of time this Certificate is in force, the right of eminent domain is not necessary and, therefore, not included by the Iowa Utilities Board in granting this certificate.

IT IS FURTHER PROVIDED AND IS A CONDITION OF THIS CERTIFICATE that the Iowa Utilities Board retains jurisdiction and may at any time hereafter and during the period of this Certificate, make further orders and regulations as may be necessary.

Signed and sealed on the 2nd day of January, 2003.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy